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SUBJECT: PCI PANCRAZIO DE PASQUALE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE
SICILIAN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ON JULY 23, 1976.

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1. AS ANTICIPATED IN REFTTEL, COMMUNIST PANCRAZIO DE PASQUALE WAS WAS ELECTED THE FIRST PCI PRESIDENT OF THE SICILIAN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ON JULY 23, 1976 BY ALL PARTIES BUT THE MSI-DN DEPUTIES, WHO CAST BLANK BALLOTS. THERE WERE ALSO NINE DEPUTIES OF THE MAJORITY ALIGNMENT (DC-PCI-PSI-PRI-PSDI-PLI) WHO DESERTED THE VOTE. THE BALLOT WAS SECRET. DE PASQUALE IS REPUTED TO BE THE MOST BRILLANT AND HARDEST WORKING MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY. HIS ELECTION WILL FACILITATE OPMAION OF A NEW REGIONAL GOVERNMENT.
2. DE PASQUALE'S ELECTION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A REFORM OF THE ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES TO ALLOW THE OTHER PARTIES OF THE "CONFRONTO" WITH THE PCI (THE DC, PSI, PRI AND PSDI) TO SHARE IN THE PRESIDENCEY DURING THE COURSE OF THE FIVE YEARS LEGISLATURE AT LEAST IN THEORY.
3. ADDITIONAL DETAILS ANDTA BIOGRAPHY OF DE PASQUALE WILL FOLLOW. CHIAVARINI

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